

What is claim d is:

1. A suspension mounting structure, comprising:

a side member including a curved portion formed into

5 a U-shape in section and having an upper opening, the
curved portion being curved inward in a vehicle width
direction, a horizontal face portion extending outwardly
from an upper end of the curved portion in the vehicle
width direction, and a notched portion formed to extend
10 from a part of the horizontal face portion to an outer side
face, as viewed in the vehicle width direction, of the
curved portion; and

15 a bracket including an upper face portion and a side
face portion that are disposed at the notched portion to
cover the horizontal face portion and the outer side face
of the curved portion, respectively, an upper portion of a
strut of a suspension being fixed to the upper face portion.

2. The suspension mounting structure according to

claim 1, wherein said bracket is configured to cover said

20 notched portion from below said horizontal face portion.

3. The suspension mounting structure according to

claim 2, wherein said curved portion has a bottom face

thereof formed with a notch-like relief portion that

extends from said notched portion in continuity therewith.

25 4. The suspension mounting structure according to

claim 3, wherein said bracket is formed with a lower flange

portion that covers said relief portion from below the

bottom face of said curved portion.

5. The suspension mounting structure according to

30 claim 2, wherein said bracket has a triangular end face

that connects an outer part, as viewed in the vehicle width

direction, of said upper face portion to a lower part of

said side face portion.

6. The suspension mounting structure according to
claim 5, wherein a rib is formed to extend in a vehicle
longitudinal direction in continuity with the side face
portion of said bracket.

5 7. The suspension mounting structure according to
claim 6, wherein said rib is formed in continuity with the
lower flange portion of said bracket.

10 8. The suspension mounting structure according to
claim 7, wherein a flange portion is provided at an outer
end, as viewed in the vehicle width direction, of the
horizontal face portion of said side member so as to
project upward, and an upper flange portion, corresponding
to the flange portion of said side member, is provided at
an outer end, as viewed in the vehicle width direction, of
15 the upper face portion of said bracket.

9. The suspension mounting structure according to
claim 8, wherein said rib is formed in continuity with said
upper flange portion.

20 10. The suspension mounting structure according to
claim 2, wherein said bracket is formed to have a thickness
greater than that of said horizontal face portion.